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**GREAT SACRIFICE SALE**  
For Cash Only,  
TO REDUCE THEIR STOCK ON ACCOUNT OF  
A CHANGE OF FIRM AND BUSINESS.

And for SIXTY DAYS we're going to  
**SLAUGHTER OUR STOCK**

OF  
**CLOTHING,**  
Hats and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

This is no Humbug Sale, or Bankrupt Stock  
but a **SQUARE DEAL** and **STRAIGHT**  
**BONAFIDE SALE.** We mean just what  
we advertise, and will prove our assertions  
if you will call in and get prices.

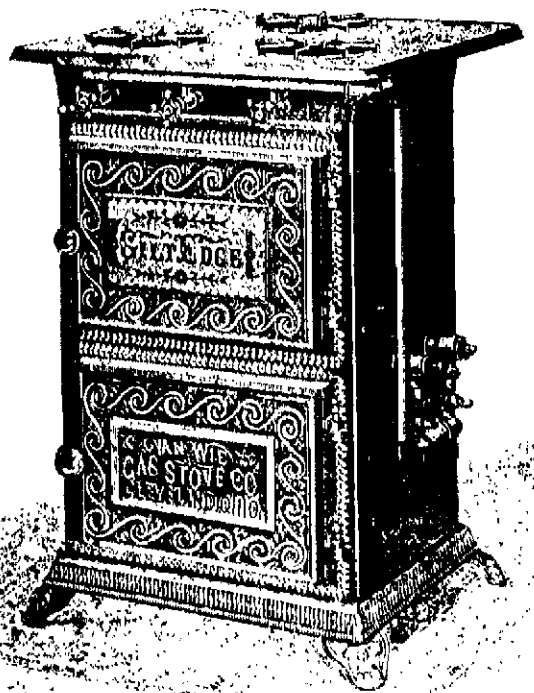
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Ever Made in Decatur  
ON MEN'S BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S  
Suits, Overcoats Hats and Furnishing Goods.

We will sell you Overcoats, Underwear, etc., at 25  
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This is a **STRICTLY LEGITIMATE REDUCTION**  
**SALE.** The stock must be reduced, and we will make  
prices so **LOW** that you can afford to buy a first-class  
Suit, Overcoat or Hat for a small amount of money.

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GAS, \$1.50 PER 1,000 FEET.



### \*Gas Stoves for Summer Use\*

Are rapidly displacing Wood, Coal and Gas for cooking purposes. No bring-  
ing in of coal or wood, no ashes, no dust, always ready and **PERFECTLY SAFE**  
much can be cooked in shorter time, and with less annoyance from heat, than by any  
other method. Where used they have given perfect satisfaction; cook no greater  
thing than an ordinary wood stove. Ladies who have used them declare that they  
are indispensable, especially in Summer, and they **COULD NOT KEEP HOUSE**  
WITHOUT ONE.

The Gas Company proposes to make a  
**NET PRICE OF \$1.50 PER THOUSAND FEET,**  
From May 1 to Oct. 1, to ALL PERSONS USING FOR COOKING PURPOSES.  
Read the following opinions from well-known ladies who have used this Stove  
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**R. J. STRATTON,**  
Supt. of Decatur Gaslight and Coke Co.  
R. J. Stratton, Supt. Dear Sir: I am using a No. 7 Gas Range, and it is with  
pleasure that I bear witness to its many good qualities. For utility, cleanliness,  
comfort and economy, it is all I could desire; anything can be cooked on it that can  
be cooked on any stove, with, in my opinion, less expense, and certainly with less  
trouble and more comfort. I thoroughly recommend it.  
Yours Truly, **MRS. HENRY ELWOOD.**

Mrs. R. J. Stratton, Supt. Dear Sir: I want to say to you that the gas stove  
you furnished to me last Summer is much more satisfactory than I had hoped for.  
I can do every kind of cooking with it, and the regularity of the heat gives better  
results than any other stove. I should not desire to keep house without it.  
Yours Respectfully, **MRS. FRANK H. HALL.**

R. J. Stratton, Supt. Dear Sir: I have in use one of your Gas Cooking Ranges  
and as a matter of convenience and comfort it is unsurpassed, and is all you claim  
for it—gas cooking about the same as oil or coal.  
Yours Respectfully, **MRS. WM. FLETCHER.**

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THE DECATUR CARPET FACTORY  
manufactures all kinds of RAG  
AND CHAIN CARPETS.

Having arrangements with the largest Whole-  
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goods in this place, we have secured a line of  
Samples, all the latest styles of the season.  
We are now prepared to sell better goods than  
ever offered here, from the cheapest grades to  
the very finest.  
We furnish every Carpet bright and fresh;  
you get no faded and worn-out ones.  
We have most carpets at without waste; you  
need only visit your room, and we will  
show you a very large variety; you can select  
what you want.  
We have no expense carrying stock, therefore  
we can give our customers the benefit of low prices.  
All Samples are cut from the rolls, so the  
goods will always compare in quality and  
color.  
If you are in a hurry we will sur-  
prise you how quick we get orders filled.  
Brushed Carpet from 67¢ up. Carpet Chains  
for sale.

**CHARLES PFISTER,**  
139 South Side Lincoln Park.  
March 6th.

## New Book Bindery

Blank Book Manufactory,  
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Magnificent and all kinds of books bound and  
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Telephone Boxes made to order.  
Names stamped in gold on books, pocket-  
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Sundries, stationery, etc., etc.

**HERMAN SPIES, Proprietor.**

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Fire-Proof Safes,  
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In the treatment of slight ailments  
would save a vast amount of sickness  
and misery. **One of Ayer's Pills**, taken  
after dinner, will assist Digestion, taken  
at night, will relieve Constipation;  
taken at any time, will correct irregu-  
larities of the Stomach and Bowels,  
stimulate the Liver, and cure Sick  
Headache. Ayer's Pills are all known  
and pleasant to take, and always prompt  
and satisfactory in their results.  
"I can recommend Ayer's Pills above  
all others, having long proved their  
value."

## Cathartic

for myself and family.—J. T. Hess,  
Lodi, N. J.  
"Ayer's Pills have been in use in my  
family upwards of twenty years, and  
have completely verified all that is  
claimed for them."—Thomas F. Adams,  
San Diego, Texas.  
"I have used Ayer's Pills in my family  
for seven or eight years. Whenever  
I have an attack of headache, to which I  
am very subject, I take a dose of Ayer's  
Pills and am always promptly relieved.  
I find them equally beneficial in colds  
and, in my family, they are used for  
all kinds of complaints and other disor-  
ders with such good effect that we regard  
it, if ever, have to call a physician."—  
H. C. Sullivan, Hotel Youtliens, Santa-  
go Springs, N. Y.

## Ayer's Pills,

PREPARED BY  
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.  
Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

## SEVENTH

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You should read this Care-

ful notice. It is a warning to you.

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## GOOD BILLS FOR SCRAPS.

NOVEL WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT  
REDEMPTION BUREAU.

Staggering Ways in Which Money Has Been  
Destroyed.—Five, the baby and the Pot  
Dog Among the Chief Agents of De-  
struction.—No Chance to Defraud.

When a small portion of a United States  
note is returned to the treasury with  
sufficient proof that the remainder of it  
has gone out of existence, the treasury  
will give the full value of the original  
note. Naturally the greatest destruction  
of money is wrought by fire, and bits of  
bills with charred edges are constantly  
coming in for redemption.

But several instances have occurred  
where men, in the desperation of their  
loss, have simply boxed up a lot of ashes,  
in which there was not the slightest  
trace of the original material, and de-  
manded hundreds and thousands of dol-  
lars for them. Such requests are, of  
course, refused, and the senders are in-  
formed that their only recourse is to ask  
congress by special act to indemnify  
them.

## MEAT WITH EXPENSIVE MEATS.

Next to fire the young lady is put  
down in the department as the most de-  
structive agent. Innumerable affidavits  
are received in which John Jones, or  
whatever his name may be, "being duly  
sworn, deposes and says," that his in-  
fant son did chew up and swallow the  
missing portions of certain \$5 bills, and  
that the said missing portions were  
found in the stomach of the said child,  
and are now in existence.

The fashion of keeping small pet dogs  
has also been the cause of many solemn  
affidavits being sent to the department.  
Your pug and your poodle seem to take  
special delight in masticating the fruit  
and reward of the many days of severe  
toil of their master.

The fancy of making for \$10 bills as in-  
surance for luxuries has been impress-  
ed upon the redemption bureau by a long  
series of examples. Only a few days  
ago several hundred dollars' worth of  
new lining was redeemed for a southern  
man who had for many years given up  
all idea of finding his missing treasure.

There is a \$500 bill in the first place,  
notes of which the first issue made by  
the government early in war times. It  
had been hidden away in a place sup-  
posed to be secure, and had disappeared.  
A quarter of a century later, in repair-  
ing the porch of the old house, the nest  
of the wealthy mouse had been discov-  
ered, and enough of the fragments re-  
covered to redeem more than half of the  
original deposit.

Also from the south came most of the  
moldy, worm eaten bills which have  
been hidden in bottles or buried in the  
earth for years. There are not so many  
savings banks in the south as in New  
England, and hiding places are used.

For the habit of using the parlor or  
kitchen stove as a safety deposit vault is  
not confined to any one section of the  
country. Neither is the custom of burn-  
ing up this treasure by one other mem-  
ber of the family who is all unaware of  
its value. Years ago the clerk in the re-  
demption bureau ceased to declaim upon  
the stupidity of such people. It has be-  
come a matter of course with them, and  
they expect about so many letters every  
week from people who have warmed two  
pair of limbs with \$1,000 worth of silver  
certificates.

## FROM THE HEAD OFFICE.

There are not many attempts to de-  
fraud the government through the re-  
demption bureau, and those that have been  
successful, the sending of the two halves  
of a note of large denomination by dif-  
ferent people, each one swearing that  
the other half is destroyed, and asking  
for the full value of the note, frequently  
looks like an attempt to defraud, but the  
officials think that in most cases the  
senders believe they are getting the truth.  
Counterfeit money comes from every  
part of the country, mutilated, probably  
by design, with requests for its redemp-  
tion. It is always indignantly stamped  
"counterfeit" and returned to sender.

The redemption bureau is not a good  
place for "showing the queer," even in a  
frugal country.

There is in the treasury vault a brown  
wooden box eight or ten inches long, a foot  
wide and eight inches deep, which con-  
tains paper money of the nominal value  
of several hundred thousand dollars. It  
is not worth a dollar. The queer thing  
about it is the number in which it was  
collected. It is a box of it came from the  
dead letter office of the postoffice depart-  
ment. Some portion of it is counterfeit,  
but the most of it was genuine money  
many years ago. The banks which is-  
sued it and the officers who signed it  
are gone and forgotten. It was all sent  
over to the treasury department some  
years ago, and the treasury department  
whenever it came to trace up the  
various banks and get such as possible  
of it redeemed. Occasionally it has  
found descendants of these old bank of-  
ficers, themselves bankers, who were  
willing to redeem some of the notes for  
the sake of the signature. The notes  
faded and the ink faded, but they suc-  
ceeded in getting several hundred dollars' worth  
of it redeemed.

But of that remaining, not a bill can  
be redeemed. A little of it is Con-  
federate money, but most of it is of  
banks, state and private, that went out  
of existence many years ago. The notes  
are dated back as far as 1812. One  
package contained \$54,900 and another  
\$9,000. The treasury is how so much  
money could have been lost in the mail.  
Neither the men who sent it nor the ones  
to whom it was sent could be found by  
the postoffice department, nor could Mr.  
Wentworth, and the names of these re-  
demptions. The \$9,000 package was  
sent from Brandon, Miss., to Jackson,  
Miss., in 1840, and the latter accompany-  
ing it shows that it was sent in conse-  
quence of repeated demands. The most  
diligent search fails to discover the  
slightest trace of any such banking com-  
pany as that at Brandon, Miss., which  
issued the notes, and which carried off the  
\$1,000 denomination. The notes are  
handwritten, executed, as are a large ma-  
jority of those in the box.—Washington  
Post.

## Eupepsy.

This is what you ought to have, in fact  
you must have it, to fully enjoy life.  
Thomson's Eupepsy is for it daily, and  
morning because they find it not. Thou-  
sands upon thousands of dollars are  
spent annually by our people in the hope  
that they may attain this boon. And yet  
it may be had by all. We guarantee  
that Thomson's Eupepsy, if used according  
to directions, and the use persisted in,  
will bring you Good Digestion and out-  
ward the Dyspepsia and Internal In-  
flammation. We recommend Thomson's  
Eupepsy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at  
50c and \$1.00 per bottle at Dr. A. J.  
Stoner's drug store.

## Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.

MAKON COUNTY, ss.

In Chancery Court of Makon County—In Chancery.

To January Term, A. D. 1889.

MAKON COUNTY, ss.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursu-  
ance of a decree entered at the January Term,  
A. D. 1889, by the said Court, in the above en-  
titled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chan-  
cery of said Makon County, Illinois, will, at the  
hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, on  
Monday,











